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1. THE INITIAL FRG REACTION IN THE FONOFF TO THE BRITISH PAPER ON FOLLOW-UP IS NEGATIVE. A CSCE OFFICIAL SAID THE FONOFF BELIEVES THE PAPER GOES TOO FAR AT THIS STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE GERMAN VIEW, THE CARRYING OUT OF THE VARIOUS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS MUST FIRST BE OBSERVED BEFORE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DECIDE UPON AN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT.

2. AT THIS POINT THE GERMANS HAVE TWO SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS TO THE PAPER. FIRST, THEY DOUBT THAT THE ONE YEAR PERIOD SUGGESTED IS A SUFFICIENT LENGTH OF TIME IN WHICH TO EVALUATE HOW THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED. SECOND, THE GERMANS OBJECT TO THE CONCEPT OF AUTOMATICITY OF MEETINGS WHICH, THEY POINTED OUT, DOES NOT ACCORD WITH THE PRESENT WESTERN POSITION. MOREOVER, THE GERMANS FEAR THE SOVIETS WOULD LOSE MOTIVATION TO CARRY OUT CONFERENCE DECISIONS. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THE SOVIETS MUST PROVE THEMSELVES BY DEEDS RATHER THAN HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO STONEWALL IN A SERIES OF AUTOMATIC CONFERENCES.

3. THE FONOFF WILL STUDY THE BRITISH PAPER FURTHER SINCE THE IDEAS ARE CERTAINLY WORTHY OF DISCUSSION. FOR THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, THE FRG BELIEVES THE WEST SHOULD REMAIN WITH THE DANISH PROPOSAL, WITH THE POSSIBILITY HELD OPEN FOR A MODIFICATION SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

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